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Dear Mr May - I see by the last Standard that reached me (no 48, vol. 25) that the pipes that reached us (no 48, vol. 25) that the pipes and the locality where after it is with come to an end in less than 3 miles from the present date. On looking over my file of the Standard & Star I find I am dependent on a good deal of the information I find I am dependent on a good many number. I would be glad if they could be made up - but I suppose it is hardly likely that they can be. However I will send a list of what is dependent in each & I venture to trouble you (I hope for the last time) to see whether any thing can be done in this respect. Unless it is George Thompson file, I doubt if there be another on this side of the Atlantic so nearly complete as mine of either paper.

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Having copied this memorandum, I thought it best to print a few slips which will suffice for a start. I am in no hurry whatever still gradually



wait a year for any you can send  
me. I need hardly say that  
the news of the fall of Richmond  
is full of interest. The whole was as  
seen from this side has been like a  
greatest game of chess. The news generally  
comes in from week to week, and  
as bold as health waiting for the  
next move. Now I know summes by  
his conduct respects the status to judge  
Fancy - the fat fellow Napoleon Retra  
Linton Western & other claims & flights  
of the colored race. I greatly regret  
that in these eventful times there  
should have any depreciation brought  
out of the old abolition friends who  
have contended truth so hard &  
so long, under circumstances of such  
unexampled difficulty. I hope the  
deposition of the Gen. C. S. Smith &  
the death of the hundred & the beheaded  
are not upon the interest of any in  
the cause of the colored race in their  
determination to obtain the bolls  
for them. No matter how ignorant

& despiades they may be or may have  
been, they are surer & safer friends  
of the bulk than Northern White  
Southerners, or Northern Democrats  
& Independents are likely to  
form for many a day. It would  
be the work of bad policy to refuse  
them the franchise - we ~~will~~ return  
to it afterwar<sup>d</sup> I see no chance  
of reconstruction with the South.  
The Southern & Northern other  
people seem to know no bounds.  
I think the Rebel military & civil  
leaders should be imprisoned,  
for life - and that all the other  
former rebels should be deprived  
of political rights. I know of  
nothing in history to compare with  
the merciful forbearance with which  
you Northerners have treated the  
rebels & other wicked rebellion  
who have fallen into your hands.

If thou were should get off Leots  
free how can any crime against the  
nation be punished in future.  
I fear some difficult year in  
thru your government but if you  
neither think them a bank,  
or you have through the fail first,  
I do not doubt but the United States  
will soon become the sanctuary of  
religion & civilization and all that  
the proudest hosts of her & children  
in past times have proclaimed  
her to be.

A meeting of the Austrian Empress  
was held last night mainly at  
her son Alpids residence at which  
he had a very effective & comprehensive  
address in behalf of the Freedmen  
and I hope some good will be done. The  
Lucky of Friends have been by far  
the best liberal helpers in this good  
work both in Great Britain & Ireland  
When one of their number in Leeds  
put down his name to £ 80 this w/c



heard of it - the reproached him  
for giving so little - & said he should  
add £ 5, which he did. Made it  
£ 500. Having been then deducted

a shilling, I generally throw in my  
mite with them when they let any  
Muster of this kind or sort.

I wish when ever you write, you would  
tell me what is going on in Europe  
& Le has had a chance of establishing a  
broken portion in Britain. It is  
late in life for him to attempt  
any thing of this kind.

I had the whole or nearly all the  
book you may sent me. It is very  
good indeed & most appropriate to  
an elderly body like me, who am  
often reminded that I am under  
sentence of death - the time of our  
entry not yet made known to me.



King or Richard is now in some city, Nevada, in a remote corner. He complains of getting no letters of late, although he writes with great regularity every two weeks, & addresses them as he desires to the care of a friend in San Francisco.

You need not send any paper you get from me to him. He rarely receives newspaper although ~~he~~ he may kill postage on them. When a man goes to such a remote place he must expect many inconveniences. I think he has got his resolution & self denial & I hope he will make his way in the long run.

Let me know how you  
are faring. I have not heard  
of or from P. L. - well through  
the Standard articles for ever  
so long. I wish last. I suppose he  
has not been much in sight  
surprizing - as it seems to me  
he has given particularly flat  
and dull replies

My kind regards to you all  
and hearty congratulations  
from your affectionately

Ruth Webb

I expect to have soon made money by  
the liberated North.

Any of these papers might be sent me  
by book post from York, packed & mailed  
up by the postage.

Perhaps W. Y. S. may bring them.  
What does he do & keep him?

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